

RADIO STAMPS

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Introduction

Hello, welcome again to another edition of "Radio Stamps". My name is Neil Carleton and I'm your host for this feature on HCJB. "Radio Stamps" is a monthly program all about the fun of collecting stamps from around the world on the topic of radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps. They include radio stations, amateur radio and radio listening, to name just a few. Collecting radio stamps is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby.

Regular features on this program include descriptions and checklists of stamps you can collect, and discussions of radio subjects on stamps. There are also contests to win radio stamps for your collection.

I hope you'll join me each month, here on HCJB. I also hope you'll write to me with your comments and news for the program. I'll give you my mailing address at the end of this feature.

Radio Stamps Column

The many radio stamp subjects that are discussed on this program are also illustrated each month in my "Radio Stamps" column. It's published each month in the Messenger, the journal of the Canadian International DX Club. My column includes illustrations and descriptions of postage stamps, meter stamps, postal cancellations and other philatelic items on the topic of radio. It also includes checklists with catalogue numbers. It's the only monthly column in the world that's devoted to the fun of collecting radio stamps. Since 1986, the column has illustrated a wide range of radio subjects on stamps, from radio in the arctic to mobile radio, and from radio stations on postcards to radio stations slogans and logos on meter stamps.

Sample copies of the Messenger are available from the Club for \$2 in Canada and the United States, and \$3 to other parts of the world. International reply coupons may be used for payment at the rate of \$0.50 each. The mailing address is: Canadian International DX Club, 79 Kipps Street, Greenfield Park, Quebec, J4V 3B1, Canada. The address again is ... Please mention the "Radio Stamps" column with your order for a sample copy of the Messenger.

Radio Stations on Stamps

I started my collection with a few stamps that featured the radio stations I first heard on shortwave, like HCJB and Radio Canada International. As my research continued, I discovered that many other radio stations around the world have been featured on stamps. They include international and domestic stations on FM, shortwave and even lonwave. Some stamps, dating from the earlier years of broadcasting, show stations that are no longer on the airwaves. Like shortwave listening, there are always new radio stamp targets to hunt for. New stamps are issued around the world that commemorate the anniversaries of radio stations, or include radio stations in their design.

Radio Australia Stamp

In 1989, for example, the 50th anniversary of Radio Australia was commemorated with a colourful postage stamp. The design of the stamp features a globe, in shaded grey, on a white background, with a rainbow of symbolic radio waves radiating out over the globe from the lower right corner. The denomination of the stamp, in red, is \$0.41. The black inscription on this Australian stamp, in capital letters, reads "Radio Australia - 1939 - 1989". The light grey, business-size, first day cover for this unique issue includes a cachet, on the left side. The cachet is an enlarged copy of the globe and colourful radio waves from the stamp. As part of the cachet, in black, along its right side, is the inscription in capital letters "Radio Australia - 1939 - 1989 - 50 Years Broadcasting To the World". The design of the black cancellation on this first day cover is also radiating radio waves. On the reverse of the cover, in the lower right corner, is a brief description of the 50th anniversary of Radio Australia.

Radio Australia FDC Contest

This stamp and the first day cover would make a great addition to your collection. If you would like to win this colourful first day cover, write to me with the date of issue for the Australian stamp issued in 1989 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Radio Australia. The correct answers will be entered in a draw, and the winner will be announced on program 8.

Morse Code Next Time

Next month, on program 7, we'll explore morse code messages on postage stamps. In the meantime, I'd like you to brush up on your code because I'll need your help.

This brings me to the end of today's program. As promised, here's my mailing address: Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada. My address again is ...

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.